

COUNCIL RETURNS STUDENT DANCES TO COORDINATORS

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had not spoken once during the long discussion, seconded the latter's motion and it was carried unanimously.

After Lessing was assured by Hitchcock that this action "removed any stigma or stain on the characters of members of the Coordinating Council which may have been placed there by assertions the dance was immoral," Councilman John V. Murray proposed the appointment of a city recreation committee of five members to work with the recreation department and city council. This was seconded by Babcock and carried.

Pastor States Case
He said each councilman would name a member to this new group and suggested that by development of a program for recreation the city could obtain Federal funds to carry it out.

Rev. Porter, in defending action of the Ministerial Association condemning the dances as "extremely detrimental to the morals of our youth and offensive to the good name of our city," contended that all members of the pastors' group were present except one when "complete discontinuance of the nuisance" was demanded of the city council.

He quoted instances of young people who told him the "dances were rotten" and "how easy it was for boys to pick up girls to take out" at the Auditorium. Rev. Porter also mentioned that some pastors had received complaints about the dances from mothers here. He said he had told Lessing the entertainments needed better supervision and improvements to "clean up their reputation."

Financial Report Read
After explaining to the council the set-up of the Coordinating organization, which is composed of representatives of a score or more of local groups and whose entire program is devoted to "doing things that will benefit the youth of our city," Attorney Mitschlich had City Clerk A. H. Bartlett read the council's motion of April 1.

"There's two things wrong with that action," he said. "One is it assumes the dances themselves are not orderly and moral and the other is that it expects us to be crystal-gazers and know what the council wants us to do about it. Tell us what you believe should be done to improve the dances and we'll do our best to do it—but don't chop off the dance without a just cause and a just hearing of both sides."

From there the discussion proceeded to a general review of the dances and Vernon Coll introduced a financial report which was heard with close attention by the city council. This revealed that in the two-year period from May 26, 1939 to April 4, 1941, the dance revenues totaled \$11,496.84 while expenses were \$10,009.24. The total attendance during that time was in excess of 55,000. Coll reported, averaging about 600 weekly.

Dance Beneficiaries Listed
The Coordinators, out of revenue from the dances, paid out \$615.58 for the Toy Loan Library and \$1,322.41 for general community purposes. These in-

cluded about 29 items, some of which were as follows:

Assisting with the expenses of the Junior-Senior Prom, \$15; Methodist church printing, \$7.75; Walters Civic Organization dances, \$30; appropriations to the following pastors for summer camps for underprivileged children—Rev. Porter, \$30; Rev. Harry Banks, \$23; Rev. C. M. Northrup, \$32; Rev. Penner, \$35; Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, \$34.50 and to the Ministerial Association, \$40; grant to the High School P. T. A. for the band uniform fund, \$98; March of Dimes contribution, \$50; Torrance Relief Association, \$150; and various contributions to the Girl Scouts, Torrance High School, Walteria P. T. A., American Legion for sending a boy to Boys' State in Sacramento and the Parent Education class.

"We have only \$165 now in the bank," Coll concluded.

Lessing spoke at length, criticizing the council's summary handling of the dance matter and pointing out that the Torrance Coordinating Council is nationally recognized as an outstanding one, it recently was chosen as the finest and most progressive group of its kind in Southern California and because our home defense program was so complete, it has been sent to Washington as a model for other communities to follow."

Mayor Tom McGuire commented on the Glendale and Pasadena community dances and said he had enjoyed those gatherings many times. He said that "dressing up" for a dance would make youngsters more responsible and said:

"I believe we can start something here with our dances which will make them enjoyable for more of our home people. I think every councilman will do anything to make the dance an outstanding attraction on Friday nights for our kids and we want the help of the whole community in this matter."

Dancing Is Strenuous
Several of the Coordinators pointed out that all of the irregularities laid to the dances have occurred outside the Civic Auditorium—none taking place inside where eight adults are regularly present to supervise the festivities. A criticism of the building was made by Vernon Coll who said the ventilating system was poor and Mayor McGuire agreed this was true.

Coll also pointed out that the practice, recently started as one method to obtain better order around the Auditorium, of refusing pass-out checks to dancers has cut down the attendance until now the dances are not making expenses. He said the youngsters want to go outside to cool off after their strenuous "litter-bugging" inside.

Murray's 5-Point Plan
"I'm sure the council would give the Auditorium free to the Coordinating Council whenever you find a deficit is being incurred," Mayor McGuire said.

As his contribution to a program of improving the dances, Councilman Murray offered this five-point plan: (1) require student identification cards from

DOES HER PART

"Our daughter, Betty, is just a little too patriotic and wants to do more than her part. She wants to flirt with every soldier in the army."

high schools and limit attendance to students of only Torrance, Narbonne, Gardena, Banning (Wilmington) and San Pedro; (2) no pass-out checks; (3) small membership fee to become "dance club members" and stamp the cards of "ornery kids" to "penalize" them by refusing them admission for two or three months in any case of breaking the rules; (4) no one to be allowed in the building under influence of liquor, and (5) have at least two adults present at all times.

Thomas Proposes State Pay Draftees \$1 a Day Bonus

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro this week proposed in the state legislature that the state pay \$1 a day to California draftees while they are in the service and a flat sum of \$365 when they complete their training.

After introducing a constitutional amendment to carry out his plan, he said "everybody is worrying about national defense without thinking of the welfare of the draftee."

"They say their (draftees') jobs will be waiting for them,

Harbor Citizen Admits Theft of Mercury

Charles R. Knox, 40, a welder living in Harbor City, was arrested Tuesday by Torrance police on a warrant charging him with petty theft of mercury from oil well gauges. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was released on his own recognizance by City Judge John Shidder to appear for sentence April 30.

but when defense is through there won't be any jobs. This will give them a chance to rehabilitate themselves until they find something to do."

Read Our Want Ads

Students Give Band Trial for Prom Music

How can you decide whether or not you like a certain dance orchestra until you've actually "cut a few rugs" to its boogie-woogy?

That's how Torrance high school students reason—and so they gave Eddie Keelan's 12-piece band a try-out this noon. If Keelan's aggregation, recently organized at Compton Junior College, wins favorable comment it may be retained for the Junior-Senior Prom, scheduled for May 22.

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Across from Library - 1344 Post Ave., Ph. 370 for Pickup

Thrifty Housewives here's your chance to get the best bargain ever offered in the Torrance trading area ONE DOLLAR BUYS NINE DOLLARS

In all kinds of gifts and services! A total of eighteen coupons good for pottery, ice cream, beauty work, bowling games, boxes of soap, seeds, jewelry, scalp massage, kitchen utensil, enamel, tube repair kit, radio tuneup, strawberry sundae, car wash job, lubrication and brake adjustment—all combined for one dollar!

The combination is offered as a feature event of the Cooking school. The sale is limited to three days only—Thursday, Friday and Saturday. To get the set of 18 coupons, bring a dollar to the Cooking school, or to The Torrance Herald office, or The Lomita News office.

THE SALE OF COUPONS WILL NOT BE EXTENDED OR REPEATED AND CAN BE OBTAINED AT ONLY THE THREE DESIGNATED PLACES:

THE COOKING SCHOOL, TORRANCE CIVIC AUDITORIUM, (Thursday and Friday)

THE TORRANCE HERALD, 1336 EL PRADO, (Thurs., Fri., and Sat.)

THE LOMITA NEWS, 24702 NARBONNE AVE., Lomita (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)

This is not a contest! No red tape or strings attached to the coupons. No purchases necessary to obtain gifts. All are guaranteed and good for 35 days. Read the coupons below and be sure to get them before 6 p. m. Saturday for they can not be obtained after that deadline.

PROFIT AS YOU GET ACQUAINTED WITH THESE LOCAL MERCHANTS!

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE \$1.00
LUBRICATION JOB
at
Rogers-Carr Union Service
1640 ARLINGTON AVE., TORRANCE
(Good Daily Except Saturdays and Sundays)
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE 20 CENTS
PINT OF ICE CREAM
at
Allen's Lunch
1333 EL PRADO, TORRANCE
Finest Grade Ice Cream - Home of the Frosty Malt
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE 75 CENTS
CAR WASH JOB
at
BEN & MAC'S SERVICE STATION
2172 TORRANCE BLVD., TORRANCE
(Good Daily Except Saturdays and Sundays)
Complete Auto Service Phone 170
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Present and Receive One Free Set VALUE 50 CENTS
DOG AND ELEPHANT
at
El Prado Furniture
1230 EL PRADO
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for Two Free VALUE 32 CENTS
BOWLING GAMES
at
Torrance Bowling Academy
1833 CARSON ST., TORRANCE
(Good Matinees Daily Except Sundays)
(Coupon Expires May 1)

VALUABLE GIFT
Present and Receive One Free VALUE 50 CENTS
CHOICE OF POTTERY
at THE TORRANCE HERALD and THE LOMITA NEWS OFFICES
1336 EL PRADO, TORRANCE
24702 NARBONNE AVE., LOMITA
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Present and Receive Free VALUE \$1.00
BRAKE ADJUSTMENT
at
Firestone Service
1454 MARCELINA AVE., TORRANCE
(Good Daily Except Saturdays, Sundays)
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE 15 CENTS
STRAWBERRY SUNDAE
at
Torrance Pharmacy
1411 MARCELINA AVE., TORRANCE
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE \$1.50
RADIO TUNE-UP
Includes Push-Button Adjustments
at
De Bra Radio Co.
1517 CABELLO AVE., TORRANCE
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Present and Receive Free VALUE 20 CENTS
TWO BOXES RINSO SOAP
at
Lomita Radio & Appliance Co.
2177 LOMITA BLVD., LOMITA
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free
TUBE REPAIR KIT
at
Goodyear Service Store
Don Miller's Budget Store
1818 SARTORI AVE., TORRANCE
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE 75 CENTS
EUCALYPTUS OIL SHAMPOO
at
Nyla Darling's Beauty Salon
1303 POST AVE., TORRANCE
(By Appointment Only)
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free
KITCHEN REMINDER
or BOX OF RINSO SOAP
at
JACOBS PLUMBING & HEATING
APPLIANCES STORE
1324 CABELLO AVE., TORRANCE
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE 25 CENTS
TONIC—SCALP MASSAGE
at
Post Office Barber Shop
1407 MARCELINA, TORRANCE
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free VALUE 30 CENTS
CAN OF ENAMEL
at
George H. Moore Hardware
1517 CABELLO AVE., TORRANCE
Old Colony Paints Exclusively
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Hour's Free Games VALUE 40 CENTS
PING PONG
at
TORRANCE AMUSEMENT CENTER
1406 CRAVENS, TORRANCE
Complete Fountain Service
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Present and Receive One Free VALUE UPWARDS TO \$1.00
MYSTERY GIFT
at
Baker Smith Jewelers
1821 SARTORI, TORRANCE
(Coupon Expires May 31)

VALUABLE GIFT
Good for One Free Package
Flower or Vegetable Seeds
at
Torrance Feed & Fuel Store
1983 CARSON ST., TORRANCE
Phone 407
(Coupon Expires May 31)

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BIG SAVINGS EXTRA DISCOUNTS

For a limited time only you can save \$24.35 on this \$93.50 General Copper Evr-Dur Water Heater—the Special Spring Water Heater Campaign includes all rust-proof heaters—Investigate Now and Save!

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